MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: In view of the fact that the number of suits have been increasing, will the honourable member enquire into the necessity of extending the control order?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: The statement shows that the number of cases is not on the increase, because the figures are 9 in 1119, 2 in 1120 and 1 in 1121. That does not show any increase.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthigapalli*): Sir, the figure for 1121 is 7 and not 1 as stated by honourable member. Then is it not an increase?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I am sorry. But from 9 in a particular year the figure has fallen at least to 2 in the subsequent year, which is a definite decrease.

Food Grains.

158. ❊ MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of food grains available in the State at present;

(b) the period for which it will last;

(c) their methods to deal with the food shortage; and

(d) when they expect the food shortage to be made good and how;

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government and Director of Food Supplies*): *(a)* 26,166 tons of food grains on 14-7-1946.

(b) About three weeks.

(c) Procurement from outside and inside the State, intensification of the "Grow More Food" Campaign, continuance of rationing, and enforcement of austerity measures in consumption.

(d) The present indications are that the food situation may improve towards the latter half of 1947.

MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Are the Government aware that rain water is not being conserved properly in South Travancore?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: How does that question arise out of the present question?

MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Water is needed for irrigation purposes and for the grow more food campaign; hence the question.

PRESIDENT: That question does not arise.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Are not the Government utilising the services of the army and reserve police for meeting the food shortage?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know the main activities of the grow more food campaign?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: That has been very clearly stated by the President in his address at the joint session. It consists of improvement in irrigation, distribution of seeds, manure and implements and various other kinds of work.

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MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether the Government propose to utilise the services of the State Forces in connection with the Grow More Food Campaign ?

PRESIDENT: No.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Are the Government aware that elsewhere their services have been used ?

PRESIDENT: It is not so. It was a popular misconception. In Bengal the army was running a farm for the purpose of their own benefit, and those farms are now being utilised in certain localities, for purpose of the grow more food campaign. No other place has utilised the army for the purpose of agricultural operations. At present our army is about one thousand strong and their services cannot be utilised for agricultural operations. Further, the First Infantry Battalion is practically in Japan. Under these circumstances the services of the army cannot be made use of. Another aspect of the matter is if we employ army and reserve police for agricultural operations it will deprive a large number of labourers getting their work and income.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Could not some lands be given for purposes of cultivation in connection with "Grow More Food Campaign"?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: That does not arise.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know whether Government have taken measures to convert the single crop lands into double crop lands ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir. In North Travancore.

MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Tiruvalla*): May I know the quantity of increase secured as a result of the grow more food campaign ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I cannot say off hand.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the extent of land brought under cultivation in connection with the Grow More Food Campaign ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: About 2000 acres have been brought under double crop lands under the lift irrigation scheme and in other areas intensive cultivation is being resorted to.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know what is the amount spent by Government for the Grow More Food Campaign ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Budget of the Department concerne contains the figures.

MR. K. K. CHELLPPAN PILLAI: Sir, I am entitled to a definite answer on that question ?

PRESIDENT: You are entitled provided that question arises out the question at issue.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: The whole question relates to the Grow More Food Campaign and therefore-

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PRESIDENT: The honourable member is sufficiently experienced and the present question relates to food grains. Information is asked as to the quantity of food grains available, the period for which it will last, their methods to deal with the food shortage and so forth and relevant answers have been given. The honourable member will realise that all the members of the Government have not got the figures ready to answer all the questions put to them. If any honourable member wants to put a question on a specific matter he might do so. He may even write a letter to that effect when a reply will be sent to him.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Sir, May I know whether—

PRESIDENT: The honourable members are violating the rules regarding the putting of supplementary questions. I am also relaxing that rule to a certain extent. I have actually found in practice that only three or four members are putting all the supplementary questions thereby denying the chance of others to ask supplementary questions. Hereafter, that practice must cease.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Are the Government aware that large areas of forest lands fit for paddy cultivation are still lying uncultivated in connection with the scheme of the Grow More Food Campaign ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I ask the member what is meant by 'enforcement of austerity measures' ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Cutting down all extravagance in consumption.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I ask—

PRESIDENT: The member has already put a supplementary question.

MR. V. I. IDICULLA (*Pattanamthitta*): കട്ടനാട്ടിൽ പുതുനിലം കൃഷി ചെയ്യുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു ജനങ്ങൾക്കു നഷ്ടമാണെന്നുള്ളതു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: നഷ്ടമാണെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല.

Stock of food grains.

159. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the quantity of food grains in the possession of Government at present with special reference to paddy imported and paddy purchased, rice and wheat?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR:

Stock of food grains in the State on 14-7-1946.

Import rice	15,700	tons.
Imported paddy in terms of rice	90	do.
Local paddy in terms of rice	940	do.
Wheat and wheat products	9,436	do.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED: ഒരു മാസത്തേയ്ക്കു എത്ര അരി വിതരണം ചെയ്യുവാൻ വേണ്ടിവരുമെന്നു പറയാമോ?

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